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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS EXTREMELY DELICATE.

GREECE DECIDES TO GIVE ALLIES MORE FREEDOM.

Turkish Defences in the Dardanelles Badly Damaged.

LORD DERBY'S SCHEME AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

BULGARIANS OCCUPY FORMER SERBIAN POSTS.

December 14, 4.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Salonica states that the Bulgarians have occupied the posts formerly held by the Serbians along the Greco-Serbian frontier. So far, all is quiet.

INDO-CHINESE TROOPS.

[Havas Telegram.]

December 13.
An official Decree approves all the transformations for the Corps of Indo-Chinese troops which had been provisionally established by the Governor General from December 2, 1914, and decides that, till the end of hostilities, the Governor, on the propositions submitted by him to the G.O.G., will proceed by permanent delegation of the Ministers for War and Colonies to other transformations as needed by the Service.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

VOLUNTARY BRITISH LOANS.

December 13, 5.00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna said he did not anticipate any difficulty in raising the necessary loans on voluntary terms.

THE SALARY QUESTION.

December 13, 5.00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said the Government did not intend to propose an all-round reduction in Ministerial and Parliamentary salaries.

THE MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

December 13, 5.00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain said he believed the report that the Arabs had turned against the British in Mesopotamia was untrue.

December 13, 6.00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Sir J. D. Ross asked a question regarding the statement that troops going to Mesopotamia were being sent for medical reasons. Mr. Chamberlain replied that he did not know what statement he referred to.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE DEFENCE OF LONDON.

December 13, 5.00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant stated that the London Anti-aircraft Corps has been transferred to the control of the War Office. Sir Percy Scott, he said, was no longer in charge.

HELPING SERBIAN REFUGEES.

December 13, 6.00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said the Allied Governments were collecting ample supplies for Serbian refugees. There were great difficulties to surmount, but he believed the numbers of the refugees would be much less than was at first supposed.

FOREIGN SECURITIES.

December 13, 7.35 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna moved the second reading of a Bill enabling foreign securities, especially American, to be placed at the disposal of the Treasury. He said that the mobilisation of these securities would enable us to restore the balance of trade, to meet our liabilities with the United States and to improve the rate of exchange. The Government would purchase American and Canadian securities at current New York middle prices with five year five per cent. Exchequer Bonds at par. The estimated total of these securities varied from eight hundred millions to four hundred millions but he had no doubt they were sufficient for our requirements.

LORD DERBY'S SCHEME.

AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

December 13, 5.00 p.m.
The recruiting authorities this afternoon declare that Lord Derby's scheme is beyond all question an unqualified success. They are now devoting their energies to direct enlistment. Mr. Asquith said, in the House of Commons, that he hoped to make a statement on Lord Derby's recruiting scheme on Thursday.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

A MINOR FRENCH SUCCESS.

December 13, 5.00 p.m.
The Paris communique says there has been only a minor French success in Champagne.

A BRITISH REPORT.

December 14, 12.45 a.m.
An official despatch from the British Headquarters in France last night says:—"We blew up a mine in front of Givenchy and occupied the crater. To-day there has been considerable activity at various points on the front. We bombarded enemy positions east of Ypres and in the neighbourhood of Prolinghen. We shelled with heavy howitzers an enemy mine shaft north of the La Bassée canal. There has been some fighting in the neighbourhood of the Somme with trench mortars, rifles and grenades. The weather is bright and cold."

SHARP ARTILLERY ACTIONS.

December 13, 1.40 a.m.
A Paris communique states:—"There have been sharp artillery actions in Artois, north of the Aisne and in Champagne. We destroyed a German work south-west of Beaurain and seriously damaged a blockhouse north of St. Mihiel, and also the only bridge at St. Mihiel."

EXPLOSION IN BELGIAN POWDER WORKS.

OVER 100 WORKERS KILLED.

December 13, 9.25 p.m.
A message from Havre, dated December 11, which has been delayed, says there was a terrible explosion on that morning in the Belgian Government Powder works in the Gravelle suburb, when work was in full swing. Besides the factory buildings, adjacent buildings for the men were also destroyed. Hitherto it has been ascertained that 110 have been killed of which 107 are Belgians. The injured are roughly estimated at a thousand, but many are only slightly hurt.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

GREATER FREEDOM FOR ALLIES.

December 13, 5.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says as the result of an agreement between the Allied and Greek Staffs, the Greek troops are being withdrawn, giving the Allies freedom of movement in the Salonica-Dorian zone. A Greek division at Langza has been removed to Serres. The Allied military authorities to-day took over a portion of the Salonica Customs House.

A DELICATE SITUATION.

December 13, 9.35 a.m.
In Athens it is unofficially announced that the German Government has asked Greece whether the new facilities afforded the Allies compromise Greek neutrality. The position is extremely delicate though there is reason to believe that the Germans do not desire to bring matters to a head, recognising Greece's exceptional circumstances.

GENERAL TOWNSEND'S REPORT.

A FOUR DAYS' BOMBARDMENT.

December 13, 9.35 p.m.
An official message says General Townsend reports that his position was shelled all day on December 8 and again on the 9th when there were enemy desultory attacks on all sides. On the 10th the enemy again heavily bombarded Kut and developed an attack on the northern front which, however, was not pressed. On the 11th, the bombardment was renewed. Two attacks on the north front were repulsed with heavy enemy losses. Since then there has been less activity. The attitude of the Arabs is satisfactory and reinforcements are pushing forward.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

SERIOUS LOSS OF WEIGHT.

December 14, 12.45 a.m.
The King's doctors have issued the following:—"The King is sufficiently recovered to resume work with certain limitations. He has lost seriously in weight, and until his normal health is attained it is essential for him to avoid fatigue. It has been necessary on medical grounds for the King to take a little stimulant daily during his convalescence, but as soon as his health is quite restored His Majesty will resume the total abstinence he imposed upon himself for public reasons."

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

FRENCH REPULSE BULGARIAN ATTACKS.

December 14, 1.40 a.m.
A Paris communique states that after repulsing Bulgarian attacks all Saturday, the French troops on Saturday night and Sunday morning continued the retirement without fighting. The movements, notwithstanding the difficulties of the ground, were affected in accordance with the decisions of the commander. All the material was saved. We occupied on Sunday a line from Ghavghel to Kilindir.

THE DARDANELLES.

TURKS SEVERELY PUNISHED.

December 14, 1.40 a.m.
A Paris communique says there was a sharp cannonade in the Dardanelles on Saturday and Sunday. The explosion of two mines on Sunday badly damaged the Turkish defences. Our heavy guns subsequently severely punished the reserves which were brought up to the defences.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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Mr. Chamberlain says he knows nothing regarding the statement that the troops going to Mesopotamia were stopped for political reasons.

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DONT FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Stone-lying Monks' Harbour of Refuge—4.30 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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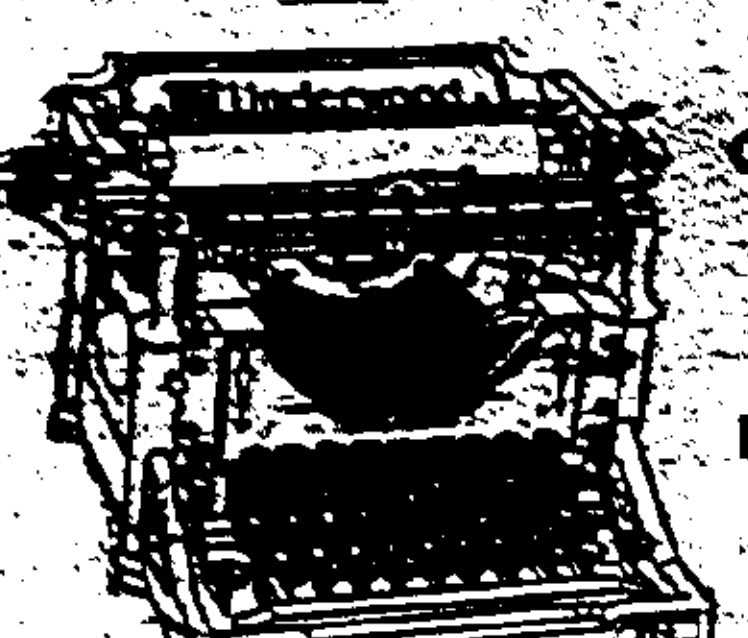
Saturday, December 18.
The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting—Noon.

Monday, December 20.
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting—11 a.m.
China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting—11.15 a.m.

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China Mail.

From Republic to Monarchy. Though the details are not yet complete regarding China's transition from Republicanism to Monarchism and though there is still just a little doubt as to whether or not President Yuan will even yet venture to "assume the purple" or, as it is, or used to be, in China, "the yellow," there need be no serious doubt but that these dubious points will soon be settled and that China's latest transition will take place in its entirety. We have been astounded at the perplexity many people seem to have experienced regarding the probability or non-probability of the change coming about, for to us it has been for a long time as certain as anything may be that if President Yuan lived he would sooner or later, either by his own initiative or by acquiescing in the advice of those in whom he trusts, bring back once more Monarchism in place of Republicanism to China. His entire policy and attitude since becoming President has signified a leaning towards the King-Ling and his victory over the rebels pointed unmistakably to the drift of his purposes. President Yuan never was and never could be in favour of Republicanism for China.

South China Morning Post.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1915.

THE SUSPENSION OF THE CENSORSHIP.

British journalists throughout the world may possibly look upon the latest development of the censorship as indeed a doubtful blessing. The censorship is, according to the Press Bureau's statement, to be suspended as far as matters relating to "foreign affairs" are concerned; but the directors of news agencies and newspapers will be responsible—presumably for the censoring of news. In the first place one would very naturally like to know what is to be understood by the term "foreign affairs." If these are to be regarded as distinguishable from war matters and Home happenings, it seems to us that the newspapers are not affected, for no notification as to submitting the doings in neutral countries to censorship has ever been conveyed to the press. And if the term is to be given a larger and wider sense, we hardly see that the press is any better off for the new permission; nay, it may be worse off. Hitherto the papers have submitted debatable "copy" to the nearest military censor; if it was not "killed" it was thereafter published, and no responsibility remained with the editor or printer or proprietor of the paper—even though the matter thus published should prove to be of a kind that had been better withheld.

The suspension of all this may merely mean that the responsibility is shifted from the censorial shoulders to the editorial. Seemingly the editor is to be his own censor, and is to bide the brunt if he happens to sanction the publication of matter which the army authorities would object to. We presume that at present the newspapers published in Crown Colonies will not be touched by the new regulation, since special local conditions require special treatment. But what are the papers at Home, in India and in the Dominions going to say to the new arrangement? Surely they were better off under the old—unless the suspension is to be taken as an admission on the part of the military authorities that their action throughout has been a mistake. We suggested, some time since, that a very gradual "letting-down" process was advisable in the Home censoring of news, and that matters pointed to the fact that the censorate, realising the absurdity of its initial mistake, was withdrawing as imperceptibly and as gracefully as possible.

It is not denied that there are papers at Home whose utterances have proved to be most mischievous; papers that have been ready to sacrifice everything—including their country's well being—for the sake of a few pounds' worth of extra advertising. It was on their account that the war correspondent was barred from the beginning of the war. But surely it was a little hard that the whole press should be made to suffer for the unreliability or the mercenary nature of a few proprietors and tenth-rate correspondents. These exceptions apart, it was never anything but ridiculous for soldiers and Government officials to set out to teach newspaper editors their business. The average editor is a far better educated man than the average soldier or Government servant; he is also far more a man of the world, and consequently more likely to exercise a sound judgment where the publishing or the withholding of news is concerned. We might add that, in some cases, he has been more fighting than the average soldier ever saw. The witlings in the Home papers have told us, in part, how the censorship has been carried out by some of the gentlemen appointed by the authorities; but practically every British newspaper man can cite cases quite as amusing as the much-quoted captain and king's affair. Surely it was almost time that a state of affairs so wildly absurd was made to cease. The censorship has been, throughout, an English idea, and whatever good it may have done has unhappily been quite counteracted by the alarm on the one hand and the over-confidence on the other that have resulted from it. Had it taken the form of a joint committee of soldiers and newspaper men it might have accomplished great things; as it is, it has done little more than furnish food for laughter or for irritation.

Street Cries.

Many times in this column we have dealt with the nuisance caused by hawkers crying their wares in the streets of the Colony, and we are therefore glad to learn from official sources that the Police have of late been most active in bringing these disturbers of the peace to book. Men live, we are informed, been put on special duty in connection with this problem, and, as a result of their activities, since the 6th of last month no fewer than 257 arrests have been made in the Central district alone. Fines have been inflicted in practically all these instances, but the nuisance is practically as bad as ever. But, obviously, in view of the figures given, the Police are not to blame; they have been doing most admirable work in roping the offenders in, and they can only keep on pegging away in the hope that eventually the evil will be totally suppressed. If, after their best efforts, it is seen that the nuisance still persists, then there is only one remedy—namely, to make the penalty for the offence heavier than it now is.

A Suggestion Repeated.

We can well believe that it is intensely disheartening to the Police to feel that, after all their efforts, they seem to make no appreciable impression on the nuisance. The evil has, indeed, become so widespread and general now that it would take the whole of the Police Force many times over to take in every offender. The public—who are the sufferers, after all—might certainly help more than they do, and we have no doubt that they would be perfectly willing to if they were more certain of their ground. There is a vague idea abroad that crying of wares is not permitted in certain localities, but a deal of uncertainty exists as to which are the prohibited thoroughfares. That is the reason why we have already suggested that the Home municipal mode of procedure be followed, of fixing prominent signs in the particular streets stating that the practice is prohibited. If this were done, there would no longer be any cause for doubt. The idea has everything in its favour, and there is no reason we can think of why it should not be adopted, especially when we remember that a similar plan is followed in regulating the number of chains allowed to go abreast in certain thoroughfares. If a warning notice is desirable in the one case, it surely is in the other.

Dirty Play.

The letter which we yesterday published from "Sportman," referring to the recent disgraceful exhibition of foul play during a football match at Happy Valley amply bears out, from a purely disinterested quarter, the observations we made in our report of the game. It is, as our correspondent says, nothing short of disgusting that such an occurrence should have taken place, but we are happy to think that it was one which is the exception rather than the rule. Be that as it may, it is the duty of League officials in the Colony to keenly investigate all cases of this kind and to mete out punishment to the offenders. Players guilty of such conduct as that to which "Sportman" referred ought not to be permitted to disgrace any football pitch with their presence. In cases of this kind, referees are not wholly blameless, as they have the power to check rough and dangerous play in its early stages. If they allow it to develop to the extent to which it did in this encounter, then they are doing nothing short of condoning it. For the fair name of football in Hongkong it behoves the League authorities to put their foot down on this kind of thing once and for all.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS ADJOURNED.

For the convenience of jurors, the Chief Justice has adjourned the Criminal Sessions until after Christmas. Jurors must attend in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, December 22, at 10 a.m.

DAY-BY-DAY.

POOLS ARE MY THEME, LET SA-
TIRIZE MY SONG.—Rym.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 54;
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 60;
fine.

The Mails.
United Kingdom via Canada—
Mail Closes to-morrow per
s.s. Canada Maru 1 p.m.
Siberian Mail—Closes to-day
at 5 p.m.
English Mail—Due to-day per
s.s. Namur.
English Mail—Closes to-morrow
per s.s. Namur 2 p.m.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on
demand to-day is 1/11 1/8.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 15th anniversary
of the invasion of the Cape
Colony by General Herzog.

Queen's College.
Mr. E. W. Carpenter, hon.
architect of the Queen's College
games pavilion, has been elected
an honorary life member of the
Queen's College Recreation Club.

A Colonel's Loss.
Colonel Crisp, of 483, Nathan
Road, Kowloon, has reported to
the police that on the night of
the 13th some person entered
his quarters and stole from the
dressing table two silver watches,
valued \$45, and \$4 50 in money.

Confiscation of Opium.
On the application of Inspector
Gordon, Mr. Hazleard this morning
ordered the confiscation of
185 tins of prepared opium, and
100 tins of loose opium which
were found on board the Blua
Funnel steamer Antiochus.

Voyage Reports.
The s.s. Namur, which arrived
in port from Yokohama to-day,
reports moderate monsoon and
fine weather from Shanghai to
port. The Keijo Maru, from
Hankow, reports fine weather with
head wind throughout the voyage.

Drunkennes.
A Japanese was charged by
Sergeant Boz, of the Police
Reserve, this morning with being
drunk and disorderly, a fine of
\$5 being imposed by Mr. Lind-
sell. A man named Theodore C.
Nazin was fined \$10 by the same
magistrate for a similar offence.

"The Yellow Dragon."
The December issue of the
Yellow Dragon (the Queen's Col-
lege magazine) is a most readable
little number. Besides editorial
chat and a deal of matter relating
to pupils past and present, it
contains a well-written article by
"A.B.C." on "The Bare Hills of
China," in the course of which
the need of afforestation is pointed
out.

An Armed Robbery.
A farmer, named Gung Yan,
living at 65 Nam Chang, She
Tan Kok, reports to the police
that on the night of the 13th inst.
four men, armed with revolvers,
broke into his house by means of
the roof and stole \$1,500 in
notes and ten and twenty-
cent pieces. They also carried
away a quantity of jewellery and
clothing, the value of which has
not yet been ascertained.

Disturbance Outside Police
Station.

A Chinese woman who was
charged with disorderly conduct
in Praya East this morning, said
that another woman had struck
her with a piece of fire wood.
Inspector Sim (No. 2 Police
Station) said that at 6.15 this
morning the row outside the sta-
tion was so fearful that he had to
send a constable out to arrest the
defendant. A fine of \$3 or, in
default, seven days' imprisonment
was imposed.

Organ Recital.
As will be seen in our advertise-
ment columns, Mr. Danman Fel-
ler is giving an organ recital on
Monday next at 5.30 p.m. in aid
of the Organ Fund, hoping to
raise just over \$100, which is the
balance of the amount needed to
pay for the recent repairs. The
vocalist will be Mr. G. D. Fitz-
pice, who has not sung in Hong-
kong before, although he has
appeared in Shanghai and other
places with much success, both
in operatic and oratorio work.
The organ pieces will include
Mendelssohn's "Five Fancies,"
Schubert's "Impromptu" by Franz
Liszt, and other compositions.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE RECRUITING TRIUMPH.

Greece and the Balkans.

Chinese parades come in a bad
second to the political situation in
Salonica—in Greece, generally,
for that matter. We certainly
ought not to grumble in view of
the arrangements that have been
made for the accommodation or
landing of our own troops in
Salonica, but, as an abstract
question, it has seemed to us
from the beginning that Greece
has taught the world to put
quite a new construction on
the term neutrality. When
everyone has finished writing his
stories of the war, someone with a
natural bent for dealing with
detached questions should certainly
compile the history of the
neutral nations from the begin-
ning of the campaign to the end
thereof. It would make vastly
diverting reading. Greece's neu-
trality seems to consist in howling
to the wibes of that belligerent
who happens to hold most cards
in his hand at a given moment. Of
course it was tolerably clear from
the day that the war was carried
definitely into Balkan territory,
that her performances would be
guided by the success or non-
success of the Bulgarians. That
being so, we ought perhaps to
take it that her present readiness
to oblige the Allies betokens her
conviction that, despite the
amount of ground which the
Bulgarians have covered, they
are not getting the best of the
deal.

Bulgaria.

When all is said, the determin-
ing factor in war, in the case of
a country with a decidedly limited
army, is rather less in man than
in ground. Bulgaria began
with a full strength of barely half
a million troops; consequently,
unless her performance was to
consist of one unbroken and cheap
victory, there was necessarily a
very decided limit to the number
of days, weeks or months of her
army's existence. All accounts
seem to agree as to her heavy losses
in men, and if we add to these a
number of desertions and another
number of extremely disaffected
soldiers, we do not leave her with
a bewilderingly large force with
which to meet the Entente's re-
inforcements which are coming
along—well—soon! Bulgaria's
implied threats to Greece may be
taken for what they are worth. Her
will is doubtless good enough, but
would an invasion of Greece—
even if successful—help her materi-
ally? It seems to us that her
opponent of the near future is
Russia, and that it is against her
operations rather than any other,
that Bulgaria has to bend her
energies.

Recruiting—and after.

The authorities now declare
that Lord Derby's recruiting
scheme has, after all, turned
out "an unqualified success,"
from which we take it that
the men who were asked
to enlist have enlisted. No
figures are given at present, but the
expression "unqualified success"
could scarcely be used unless
everything was as it should be.
And now what about bringing
the war to a speedy close? First
of all, men were wanted. These
were supplied. Then it was found
that our troops were paralysed
by want of munitions. These
were also supplied. Next, general
economy was recommended, and
the need for raising money
in neutral countries and
among our own people was
emphasised. The money was
quickly forthcoming. Finally
more and yet more men were de-
manded. Well, we have them.
The Empire has found men,
munitions and money; the rest is
up to the politicians and the naval
and military authorities, and if
the first named will have as little
to say as possible (if some of them
will only be ill or lose themselves
for a few weeks) there seems no
reason why we should not fight
with more on towards a final
victory.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE
GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the most news con-
tained in the "Hongkong
Telegraph" of December 15,
1914.

Serbia Re-enter the Capital.

The Serbians have re-entered
Belgrade (recently occupied by
the Austrians) after a fierce battle.

Progress in Alsace.

Our progress in Alsace brought
our line as far as hill 425, north
of Stenbach, to the bridge of
Aspach and the bridge of Rinnig-
haffen, 1,500 metres eastward of
Eggenstein.

The Victorious Serbians.

The Serbians are continuing
their advance, and are approach-
ing Shabatz and Lomiza. The
Serbians have captured over
28,000 men, 70 guns and 44
quick-firers.

The German Retreat.

The fighting is unimportant on
all fronts, but we continue to
drive back the retreating Ger-
mans in the Mlava region. The
Austrians are descending the
northern slopes of the Carpathians
in the district of the Dukla passes.

Loyal East African Moslems.

In the course of an interview,
the Sheikh Ali, stated that the mak-
ing of war against Great Britain
was quite without effect on the
Moslem population in East Africa
who recognise that Turkey is the
tool of Germany. The Moslems
recognise the benefits of British
rule, which assures religious
freedom. The Sultan of Zanzibar
has issued a loyal address to the
Moslems of the coast region.

British Submarine's Daring Feat.

Submarine B 11 (Lieut. Com-
mander Holbrook) entered the
Dardanelles, and despite the
difficult currents, dived under
rows of mines and torpedoed the
Turkish battleship Mesoudiyeh,
which was guarding the mine-field
B 11, although pursued by gun-
fire and torpedo-boats, returned
safely. She was submerged on
one occasion for nine hours.
When last seen the Mesoudiyeh
was sinking by the stern.

Germany and Turkey: Remark-
able Revelations.

Further evidence of the extra-
ordinary preparation made by
Germany for the participation of
Turkey in the war is furnished
by a despatch from the late
British Ambassador to Constanti-
nople. The Syrian towns were
filled with German officers, the
Bedouins on the Egyptian frontier
were bribed, and orders had been
given for the manufacture of In-
dian military uniforms in Aleppo
to simulate the appearance of the
British Indian troops. Although
the majority of the Turkish Gov-
ernment was against war with
the Allies, they made no effort
to escape the influence of the in-
sidious campaign. The Press,
which is entirely in German hands,
made scurrilous attacks against
Great Britain, and the hands of
the Peace Party were forced by
the War Party under Enver
Pasha. The final cause of the
rupture was the invasion of
Egyptian territory by Turkish
Bedouins and the unprovoked
attack of the Turkish Fleet on the
Russian Black Sea ports, at the
instigation of Germany.

DECREASE IN GLASS STEALING.

A Chinese coolie, who was
charged before Mr. Hazleard this
morning with stealing glass from
an empty house, was fined \$100
or, in default, two months' hard
labour. There was a previous
conviction for a similar offence.
His Worship asked if there
was much of that sort of glass
being stolen now.
Inspector O'Sullivan said that
it was very common about three
or four months ago, but he had
not heard very much of it lately,
although there was still some
going on. He added that the
value of glass was still going up.

LAST EVENING'S PARADE.

His Excellency Presides the
Auxiliary Forces.

There was a very big crowd
at the Cricket Ground last even-
ing on the occasion of the parade
of the Volunteers and Volunteer
Reserves, when His Excellency,
the Governor, presided to Major
Macdonald and Captain G. P.
Lamont, of the H. K. V. C., the
Colonial Auxiliary Forces
Officers' Decoration (V.D.).

At 5.15 p.m. the men were
lined up, and shortly after 5.30
His Excellency arrived and in-
spected the ranks, being
accompanied by Major General
Ventris, Col. Lee, Col. Chap-
man, and Major Wakeman.

The men on parade then formed
in a hollow square and His Ex-
cellency, in making the presenta-
tion, said it gave him great
pleasure to present to the two
officers the decorations. These de-
corations, as they knew were
given to officers of the Volunteers
who had twenty years' service to
their credit, and to him it was a
great pleasure to make the presen-
tation, for he had had the honour
of serving with the Hongkong
Volunteers from 1893 to 1896.

As a matter of fact, when Major
Macdonald was promoted to the
rank of Lieutenant in 1895, he
served under him, and
if his memory served him
right, Captain Lamont served
under him (the Governor) in the
Machins Gun Section. He
remembered also that more than
one shooting prize fell to their
lot by his (Captain Lamont's)
assistance. While there that after-
noon he would take the opportu-
nity of telling them (the Volun-
teers) how proud he was of the
way in which they had respon-
ded to their country's call. He
had been called the father of the
Volunteers—a fine body of men—
and when he served with them
there were no Volunteer Reserves.
At one time he would have wished
to have given the distinction to
Sir Matthew Nathan, but since
that time they had grown into
such a fine body of men that he
could no longer deny himself the
pleasure of the soft impeachment.
It was a deep pleasure
to see into what a fine
body the Volunteer Reserves
had grown. As he had said be-
fore—and he did not think there
was any harm in repeating it—
it was through their numbers and
efficiency that Major General
Kelly and Major General Ventris
had been able to spare from the
Regular Garrison very large num-
bers, and he might also add that
the stricken fields of Neuve
Chapelle, Festubert and Loos had
been drenched with the blood of
the gallant men they had sent to
fight for their King and country.

He knew that at times they
thought they had not had much
opportunity of doing much in
this great crisis, but he would
have them remember that only
the other day the General Com-
manding Officer had said that he
did not know how he would be
able to get along without them.

After concluding his speech,
His Excellency pinned on the
decorations, and the Volunteers
and Volunteer Reserves then
marched past and were dismissed.

A PROSECUTION WHICH
FAILED.

A Chinese boy was charged
before Mr. Lindell this morning
by P.C. Arnold of the Police
Reserve, with attempting to
convey a letter out of the Colony
on board the s.s. Kaiman.

The considerable evidence was
to the effect that he was near the
wharf, not on duty, when he saw
the boy and asked him what he
was doing. The boy then
showed him the letter.

A wharfman was called in
and the boy told him that he was
going to give the letter to a friend
on board the steamer.

Mr. Drummond, who was
the boy, said that he gave him the
letter to take to the steamer, and
if a parcel was there he would
take the parcel for them. The
boy was discharged.

LOCAL SPORT.

YACHTING.

Ladies Day at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The results of the rowing and yachting at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday last are as follows:—

Handicap Class.
(1) Kathleen, Miss Iris May.
(2) Colleen, Mr. Fallock.
One Design Class.
(1) Alice, Mrs. Arthur.
(2) Daphne, Mrs. Del Pan.
Heyward Hays and Gail Classes.
(1) Alice, Miss Wilkinson.
(2) Thecla, Miss Robertson.
Double Sculls.
(1) Miss Lammert, (Bow) Miss Denison, (Stroke) Capt. Fordham, (Cox)
(2) Miss Wilkinson, (Bow) Mrs. Arthur, (Stroke) Capt. Thompson, (Cox).
Cruiser Championship Races.
The second of the series of the Cruiser Championship Races round Datum Rock, Distance 14.8 miles, which was sailed off on Sunday last, resulted as follows:—

Yacht	Time	Points	Points for Race
Miranda	1:01:39	101.39	8
O-nore	1:07:05	107.05	14
Scotsgaden	1:03:21	103.21	11
Dorothy II	1:17:16	117.16	19
Tutan	1:23:23	123.23	23
Flora	1:23:23	123.23	23

Yacht	Time	Points	Points for Race
1. Flora	8	8	8
2. Dorothy II	14	14	14
3. Scotsgaden	11	11	11
4. Miranda	19	19	19
5. O-nore	7	7	7
— Snipe	—	—	—
— Tutan	—	—	—

Yacht	Time	Points	Points for Race
Feathers	1:07:07	107.07	8
Spondrift	1:07:15	107.15	14
Erin	1:07:15	107.15	14
Irene	1:07:15	107.15	14
Queen Bee	1:07:15	107.15	14

Yacht	Time	Points	Points for Race
1. Feathers	8	8	8
2. Queen Bee	4	4	4
— Erin	—	—	—
— Spondrift	—	—	—
— Irene	—	—	—

Owing to call on the services of the Volunteers, there will be no racing on Saturday, the 18th inst.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

Captain's Cup and Pool.
At Happy Valley during December:—
A. B. Stewart (Tie) 82 6 78
A. K. Henderson (Tie) 99 14 78
Lieut. Col. D. C. Faichon 95 18 77
N. E. Kent 91 13 78
C. Balmer Johnson 84 6 98
H. E. Stevens 97 18 79
Pool:—
A. B. Stewart 82 6 78
R.H.K.G.C. v. U.S.R.C.

A match was played over the Fanning course on Sunday, between teams representing the Club and the U.S.R.C., Kowloon. Singles were played in the morning and 4-ball foursomes in the afternoon. The result was a victory for the R.H.K.G.C.

A return match is to be played over the U.S.R.C. course at a date to be arranged.

The matches resulted as follows, one point being scored for the match and 1 for the bye:—
R.H.K.G.C. Matches.

Matches	Points	Points for Race
Mr. T. S. Forrest and Mr. T. W. Hill	0	0
Mr. T. W. Hill and Mr. S. H. Dodwell	1	1
Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. E. A. Brand	1	1
Mr. E. A. Brand and Mr. A. Ritchie	1	1
Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. G. S. Archbutt	1	1
Mr. G. S. Archbutt and Mr. A. H. Crew	1	1
Mr. A. H. Crew and Mr. Balmer Johnson	1	1
Total	7	7

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, P. C. Moore (Reserve) charged Ho Kan, master of steam launch Wai Hung, with unlawfully carrying on board his launch 32 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence, on the 7th inst.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. P. C. Moore stated that on December 7 at 7.45 p.m., he was a passenger on board the steam launch Wai Hung, a Yumati ferry boat from Hongkong to Yumati. He noticed that the launch was very crowded and had a bad list. He counted the passengers during the passage; there were 156 on board, not counting the children; 124 were allowed by the licence, inclusive of the crew.

Ho Kan, cox-wain of the steam launch Wai Hung, stated that on each trip the ship collected the fares and furnished a list to the office at the end of the day. On the date in question the launch made her last trip to Yumati at about 7 and 8 p.m., and made fast for the night at Yumati.

His Worship adjourned the case till Monday the 20th inst. P. C. Apper Ahmet Samy (Reserve) charged Chan Kan, boatman, with "unlawfully moving about the Harbour during prohibited hours on the 14th inst." Defendant was fined \$3.

P. C. Moore (Reserve) charged Cheung Tsai, master of steam launch Hoi Nam, with unlawfully carrying on board his launch, 40 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence, on the 5th inst. The case was adjourned till Monday the 20th inst.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve) are:—
Parades Etc.
Thursday, Dec. 16—Recruits of 3rd and 4th Platoons No. 1 Company; and of No. 3 Company, 5.30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17—Band Practice.
Saturday, Dec. 18—N. O. Officers' Dinner, 8 p.m. sharp.
Sunday, Dec. 19—Details for Musketty Course, Blake Pier 9 a.m.

Christmas Patrols.
The members of No. 3 Company have offered to take over the Patrol Duties of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies on December 24, 25, 26 and 27.

The necessary arrangements will be made between the warrant Officers of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies and Inspector Mow Fung.

Reciprocal arrangements will be made in connection with the Chinese New Year Holidays.

Joined.
No. 2 Platoon, No. 2 Company, B. M. O. da Cunha.
No. 3 Company, Chan Ming, Crow Wa Hing, Lau Sheek Wai, Wong Tat Chuen, Yip Choo Leung.

Band. B. M. Castro, E. J. Lopes, C. S. France.
Ambulance, Lam Chung Tin, Lam Ho Chi, Lau Hung Chan, Yang Shu Ki, So Sing Woon, So Mus, Chin Tsun Ti.

U.S.R.C.
Capt. C. Campbell (5 and 3)
Dr. T. Lindsay Woods 0
Mr. K. McLennan 0
Mr. C. D. Marry 0
Mr. W. D. Kraft 0
Mr. R. E. Lindell 0
Mr. J. Hooper 0
Mr. D. J. Mackenzie 0

Total 12
Four-Ball Foursomes
R.H.K.G.C. Matches.

Matches	Points	Points for Race
Mr. T. S. Forrest and Mr. T. W. Hill	0	0
Mr. T. W. Hill and Mr. S. H. Dodwell	1	1
Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. E. A. Brand	1	1
Mr. E. A. Brand and Mr. A. Ritchie	1	1
Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. G. S. Archbutt	1	1
Mr. G. S. Archbutt and Mr. A. H. Crew	1	1
Mr. A. H. Crew and Mr. Balmer Johnson	1	1
Total	7	7

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **TUESDAY, the 21st December, 1915, commencing at 2.30 p.m.** at No. 28, Nathan Road, Kowloon.
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture
(Full particulars from catalogue) On view from MONDAY, the 20th inst.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1915.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

DEMONSTRATOR IN ENGINEERING.
The services of a Demonstrator in Engineering in the University of Hongkong are required. Preference will be given to a graduate in Engineering. For further particulars apply to the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, University of Hongkong.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.
THE Company's Steamship "SUWA MARU" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 22nd December, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1915.

TO LET.

TO LET No. 3 Peak Road.
Apply to Dr. JORDAN, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 14th December, 1915.

WANTED.

WANTED from 1st January by Englishman, one furnished room in Kowloon, with attendance, no board. Apply to "M" c/o Hongkong Telegraph.

WANTED.

WANTED—Harbour Engineer wanted, British; copy of references and application in own writing, stating age and salary required to W. S. Bailey and Co., Limited.

NOTICE.

WILL the gentleman, wearing khaki (believed to have been accompanied by a lady and child) who on MONDAY the 6th December in the vicinity of the fountain in Queen's Road at about 7.40 p.m. was asked to direct a foreign gentleman with small dark pointed beard to a certain destination, please communicate with the D.A.A. and Q.M.G., China Command, Hongkong? By doing so he will be rendering a public service.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

ORGAN RECITAL.

MONDAY Next
at 5.30 p.m.
Vocalist: Mr. G. PIZZIOTIS

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

CHRISTMAS ORDERS.

FOR **DAIRY FARM TURKEYS, GEESSE, DUCKS, CAPONS and CHICKENS**

SHOULD BE BOOKED EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

J. ULLMANN & Co.
THE FRENCH JEWELLERY HOUSE
WATCHES, JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS.
EVERYTHING IN GOLD AND SILVER WARE
CUT GLASS AND FANCY GOODS
THE PLACE FOR USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

TO-DAYS ADVERTISEMENTS

Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

For the information of shareholders the General Agents publish the following estimate of the working result for the 9 months ending 30th September, 1915.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents,
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1915.

Estimated Profit and Loss Account for 9 Months to 30th September, 1915.

1915	Sept. 30 To Interest	—	—	—	\$ 21,948.15
	Auditors Fee	—	—	—	50.00
	General Managers Commission	—	—	—	8,698.14
	Consulting Committee fee	—	—	—	1,530.00
	Allowance for Income Tax	—	—	—	95,246.96
	Balance	—	—	—	\$128,393.72

1915
Sept. 30 By gain on Working Account — | — | — | — | \$128,393.72 |

30th September, 1915.

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

Capital 7,000 Shares of \$100 each	—	—	—	\$700,000.00
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Current Account	—	—	—	267,073.69
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	—	—	—	2,500.00
Accounts Payable	—	—	—	16,948.71

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Profit for 9 months to date	—	—	—	\$95,246.96
Less balance per last account	—	—	—	29,448.68
	—	—	—	\$65,801.28
	—	—	—	\$1,254,823.68

ASSETS.

Property as per last account	—	—	—	\$654,872.07
Additions during the year	—	—	—	11,291.70
	—	—	—	\$666,163.77
Stocks of Raw and Refined Sugar, &c.	—	—	—	411,339.42
Stock of Coal Charcoal Stores, &c.	—	—	—	47,204.22
Accounts Receivable	—	—	—	1,230,194.66
Cash in hand	—	—	—	2,096.81
	—	—	—	\$1,254,823.68

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1915.

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1 " Brandy Martell XXX	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Whisky King George IV.	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Port Superior Tawny	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Claret St. Julien	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Sherry Old Brown	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Gin Old Tom or Dry.	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Bitters Pomerazien (Phial)	—	—	—	phial.

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1 " Peppermint	—	—	—	pint.
1 " Martell XXX	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Whisky Perfection	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Port Wine Rich Old	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Claret St. Julien	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Sherry Vin de Paso	—	—	—	quart.
1 " Benedictine D. O. M.	—	—	—	pint.
1 " Gin Old Tom or Dry	—	—	—	quart.
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HOIHOW & Haiphong	Sat. 18th Dec. at 3 p.m.	
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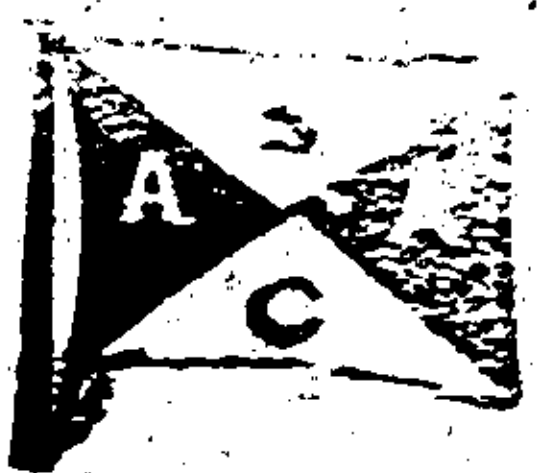
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Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To.	To be Despatched.
London & Mfies. via Spore etc.	Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	16, Dec.
London and Bombay	Namur	P. & O.	16, Dec.
London & Hull	Kioto	B. L. L.	18, Dec.
London & Marseilles via Ports	Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	30, Dec.
London & Bombay	Nashin	P. & O.	30, Dec.
Marseilles via Saigon & Ports	Athos	P. Thomas	8, Jan.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

Victoria, B.C. & Ports	Canada M.	O. S. K.	16, Dec.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Yama M.	N. Y. K.	23, Dec.
San Francisco via Manila & Japan etc.	Shimo M.	N. Y. K.	23, Dec.
San Francisco & American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	8, Jan.
San Francisco	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	9, Jan.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle etc.	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	11, Jan.
Boston & New York	Kathlamby	B. L. L.	15, Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Caiyo M.	T. K. K.	25, Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Pessia M.	T. K. K.	31, Jan.
San Francisco	Tyondari	C. J. L.	9, Feb.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	9, Feb.
San Francisco via Manila & Japan etc.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	15, Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Dairen M.	T. K. K.	3, Mar.
San Francisco	Karimoen	J. C. J. L.	9, Mar.
San Francisco	Tykembang	J. C. J. L.	9, Apr.

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	21, Dec.
Australian Ports via Manila	Empire	G. L. Co.	3, Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	21, Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	31, Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Aldenhams	G. L. Co.	31, Feb.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	31, Feb.

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Sandakan	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	16, Dec.
Shanghai	Kwong-sang	J. M. Co.	16, Dec.
Bombay via Singapore etc.	Tenshin M.	N. Y. K.	18, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	18, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Colombo M.	N. Y. K.	16, Dec.
Shanghai	Siakiang	B. & S.	16, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	16, Dec.
Shanghai	Chihli	B. & S.	16, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haimun	B. & S.	17, Dec.
Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	17, Dec.
Shanghai	Yusan	J. M. Co.	17, Dec.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Yatsing	J. M. Co.	17, Dec.
Haiphong	Takwang	J. M. Co.	17, Dec.
Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Hakata M.	N. Y. K.	17, Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	18, Dec.
Haiphong and Hoihow	Loksang	J. M. Co.	18, Dec.
Singapore, Bombay etc.	Iyo M.	N. Y. K.	20, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Novara	B. & S.	20, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Chinua	B. & S.	21, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	D. L. Co.	21, Dec.
Shanghai	Hopsang	J. M. Co.	21, Dec.
Shanghai Moji & Kobe	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	22, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Colombo M.	N. Y. K.	24, Dec.
Manila	Yusan	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Batavia	Tyondari	J. C. J. L.	25, Dec.
Shanghai	Tyondari	J. C. J. L.	25, Dec.
Singapore via Amoy & Swatow	S. Jacob	J. C. J. L.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Kaga M.	D. S. & Co.	31, Dec.
Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Porikos	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Nellore	P. Thomas	31, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama	Nellore	P. O.	1, Jan.
Singapore & Bombay	Fengang M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
Belawan Deli (Medan)	Van S.	J. C. J. L.	4, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Mauritius and South African Ports	Salamis	B. L. L.	25, Jan.
Shanghai	Tyondari	J. C. J. L.	Q. desp.

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The T. K. K. s.s. TENYO MARU will leave on the 30th Nov. at noon. This steamer will next leave Hongkong on Tuesday the 15th February 1916 at noon.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF JAPAN left Yokohama on Friday the 10th Dec. at 11 p.m. due to arrive Vancouver on the 22nd December.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. ITOLA from Calcutta left Singapore and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Anna, Norw. s.s. 1,017, A. Arctien, 10th Dec.—Tientsin, 5th Dec. Rice—China.

Anyo, Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,147, 10th Dec.—Wakabaya, 4th Dec. Coal—P. & O.

Kwong-sang, Br. s.s. 2,074, 10th Dec.—Swatow, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Lahm, Br. s.s. 2,274, P. Mooner, 9th Dec.—Kobe, 4th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Iris, Br. s.s. 2,555, G. L. Stuart, 9th Dec.—Yokohama, 2nd Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Fung Kung, Br. s.s. 3,095, J. Mason, 9th Dec.—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—China.

Liangchow, Br. s.s. 1,220, W. Benson, 10th Dec.—Shanghai, 7th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Nikko Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,075, Takada, 12th Dec.—Manila, 9th Dec. Gen.—N. Y. K.

Manipuri, Br. s.s. 1,222, Wm. Stalter, 12th Dec.—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—Order.

Wimbledon, Br. s.s. 2,435, John Castell, Dec.—Chingwantao, 5th Dec.—D. & Co.

Nicherson Maru, 1,400, S. Sumi, 11th Dec.—Rajahmundry, 4th Dec. Timber—D. & Co.

Siakiang, Br. s.s. 1,614, C. Williams, 12th Dec.—Shanghai, 9th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Yunan, Br. s.s. 1,205, French, 13th Dec.—6th Dec. Rice—B. & S.

Kashing, Br. s.s. 1,143, Began, 14th Dec.—Shanghai, 10th Dec. Gen.—Order.

Tacoma, Br. s.s. 3,335, Stewart, 12th Dec.—Haiphong, 11th Dec. Gen.—S. & Co.

Sequoia, Br. s.s. 3,312, Grant, 12th Dec.—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—S. & Co.

Fuji Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,335, Watanabe, 13th Dec.—Yokohama, 7th Dec. Coal—M. R. K.

Bami Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,368, Matsui, 13th Dec.—Singapore, 5th Dec. Gen.—D. & Co.

Taiwan Maru, Jap. s.s. H. Sakai, 14th Dec.—Kobe, 12th Dec. Gen.—D. & Co.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	From.
S. T. & Co.	Gienagan	5,803	M. Dec.	London
N. Y. K.	Colombo Maru	8,000	Dec. 16	London
N. Y. K.	Hakata Maru	12,500	Dec. 16	Yokohama
S. T. & Co.	Kioto	4,630	Dec. 16	New York
G. L. & Co.	Empire	4,495	Dec. 18	Australia
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 18	London
N. Y. K.	Yo Maru	12,500	Dec. 18	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Shimo Maru	22,000	Dec. 18	Yokohama
B. L. L.	Salamis		Dec. 20	San Francisco
R. & S.	Hyson	6,693	Dec. 20	Singapore
R. & S.	Priam	4,543	Dec. 20	London
J. C. J. L.	Tykembang		Dec. 24	Liverpool
N. Y. K.	K-ga Maru	12,000	Dec. 24	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Tyondari		Dec. 24	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru	16, 60	Dec. 26	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kushima Maru	21,000	Dec. 27	London
B. & S.	Nankin		Dec. 27	Yokohama
B. & S.	Helanus	7,555	Dec. 29	Yokohama
S. T. & Co.	Kathlamby	4,174	Dec. 31	London
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 1	New York
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	8,000	Jan. 1	London
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	6,227	Jan. 1	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 2	Yokohama
R. & S.	Knight Companion	7,433	Jan. 4	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Arakan		Jan. 7	London
G. L. & Co.	Eastern		Jan. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Pernia Maru	3,586	Jan. 7	Australia
P. & O.	Monvara	2,000	Jan. 9	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Hitachi Maru	6,557	Jan. 9	London
P. & O.	Novara		Jan. 13	Australia
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Jan. 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 13	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sardinia		Jan. 13	San Francisco
B. & S.	Changsha	5,474	Jan. 15	London
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	2,259	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Shidzuka Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Suwa Maru		Jan. 24	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir	21,000	Jan. 26	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 27	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Aldenhams		Jan. 28	Yokohama
P. & O.	Namur	3,808	Jan. 29	Australia
P. & O.	Nore	6,694	Jan. 29	London
J. C. J. L.	Tyondari		Feb. 5	London
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 7	San Francisco
P. & O.	Sardinia		Feb. 9	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Nankin	6,574	Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Ali Maru		Feb. 12	London
P. & O.	Mongara		Feb. 13	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Feb. 14	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Karimoen		Mar. 7	Java
J. C. J. L.	Tykembang		Apr. 7	Java

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

EXTRA

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1915

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph"]

THE EAST AFRICAN COMMAND.

December 14, 4.50 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant announced that General Smith-Dorrien will command the troops in East Africa.

THE RECRUITING FIGURES.

December 14, 3.30 p.m.
At a recruiting conference in Downing Street, there was general satisfaction expressed at the round figures submitted by Lord Derby. The figures are substantially better than was expected and are being reserved for Mr. Asquith's speech on Thursday.

December 14, 4.50 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said that it was impossible to secure the exact recruiting figures this week. Consequently, the Army Vote will be postponed until the 21st inst.

GERMAN PRISONERS.

December 14, 4.50 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant announced that the total German military prisoners in the United Kingdom is 21,205.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 14, 5.45 p.m.
The Paris communique says that there is nothing to report.

THE LIFE OF PARLIAMENT.

December 14, 9.35 p.m.
The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the Bill extending the life of the present Parliament as mentioned on December 9.

INCREASING THE ARMY TO FOUR MILLIONS.

December 14, 9.30 a.m.
A Supplementary Estimate has been issued, authorizing the increase of the army to four millions.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut-Col. A. Chapman, V.D., state:—

Manning of Posts
December 18th, Centre Section M.G.Co.—Fall in at Headquarters at 1.45 p.m.

December 19, Belchere Section & Scouts, Company Fall in at Headquarters at 2.30 p.m.

Dress, Arms and Accoutrements. Khaki drill jacket and short puttees, helmet, rifle, side-arm, bandolier, belt, haversack (with food), waterbottle (filled), greatcoat (rolled), mess tin and 150 rounds ball ammunition.

Parades.
Parades for Thursday, 16th inst. 7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section & other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section order dated 8. 12. 15—More flag practice at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of Right Section M.G.Co. Squad drill and Musketry exercises at Headquarters.

5.15 Recruits of all units (except Right Section M.G.Co. and Signalling Section) Squad drill and Musketry exercises at Headquarters under Sergt. Frith. Remainder nil.

Detail.
Gun Club Bill, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 20th inst.—No. 1. Sec. Art. Batty, and Left Sec. M. G. Co.

Officers on duty, Lieut. Rees, P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.
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"BREEZE" IN SUPREME COURT.

Solicitor and Interpreter Exchange Words.

This morning, in the Supreme Court, during the hearing of the case of a claim for rent, a little diversity was caused by the part of Mr. Shenton and the Chinese interpreter. The former put a question to the plaintiff, and after receiving the reply, went on to say he understood—

The Interpreter:—You may understand a lot of things, Mr. Shenton, but it was not what the witness said.
Mr. Shenton:—All right, Mr. Wong, you have no need to get cross about it. I merely made an observation, and such remarks as those you have just made are quite uncalled for.
The matter then dropped.

Officer on duty, Lieut. Murphy. On duty to-morrow night, Scouts Company.

Officer on duty, Capt. Hinchinson.

On duty 17th inst. Right Section M. G. Co.

Officer on duty, Lieut. Kennett. Orderly Sergeant until morning of 20th inst.—Corpl. A. A. Bolton.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council meets on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. The Orders of the Day are:—
First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide for the fees to be paid in this Colony in respect of various things and matters to be granted or done under the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend further the Tramway Ordinance 1902.
First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1912-1914.
Second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to companies.

Second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to importation, and exportation.

GERMAN DESCRIPTION OF LOOS BATTLE.

"Not Soldiers, but Devils."

Amsterdam, October 22.—The battle near Loos is thus described in the Berliner Tageblatt by its special war correspondent, Herr Kellermann:—

As a result of the terrific bombardment our admirably constructed trenches were shot into cavities, our wire entanglements flew in shreds into the air and disappeared. Everything before and behind the trenches—scrub, trees, grass—disappeared, leaving the earth furrowed and naked. Then whitish fog-banks began to creep slowly nearer.

The landscape consists of flat meadows and fields, and in these meadows a mist hangs over it morning and evening. Thus it happened that our men at first thought the approaching whitish bank of vapor was mist, but very soon they knew what was the matter. It was a gas attack, and the order was issued, "Put on the gas masks."
The bank of fog passed over our trenches; then came a low bank of smoke creeping towards us, black grey; then, again, another bank of gas, some 10 minutes behind the first.

Altogether three or four double waves of whitish gas and smoke gas swept over our trenches. There was nothing else to be seen. Some men coughed and fell down. The others stood at the ready as long as possible. The English artillery at the same time fired gas shells on our trenches.

Behind the fourth gas and smoke cloud there suddenly emerged Englishmen in thick lines and storming columns. They rose suddenly from the earth, wearing smoke masks over their faces, and looking not like soldiers but like devils. The wire was no longer there to hold them back. In the distance a low bank of smoke reached the divisional fighting headquarters to the rear. The telegraph and telephone wires were shot to pieces, and communications had to be restored by dispatch riders and messengers. These were bad and terrible hours. The adjoining division also reported a gas attack and that their first line had been stormed by the English.

The smell of the gas made itself keenly noticeable. The fog was thick even among the staffs to the rear that one could not see 10 metres in front of one. Rumours flew about, reports circulated like wildfire. Then at last news became more definite. The British between the last gas waves had succeeded in storming the first trenches of our division. Thus it happened.

THE UNREST IN SHANGHAI.

Types of Bombs Used by Revolutionaries

The North China Daily News learns that in all thirteen bombs have been accounted for by the Shanghai Municipal Police to which total has to be added the ten bombs seized by the French Police in the Rue Montigny. There appear to be three different classes of bombs secured by the former, though two of these are so nearly the same that a matter of wire binding is the only difference.

Further information concerning the finding of bombs at 271 Rue Montigny, increases the number from seven to ten. The two Chinese, who were arrested, told the French authorities that they had been given the bombs by a government detective. Later they said that they had had instructions to wait in the house for the arrival of thirty men, who were to take over the bombs and put them in use.

Acting on this information, the French police placed a force in the house to await the arrival of the men (and to arrest them). Nobody, however, turned up. The bombs on examination proved to be of the "cigarette tin" type containing sulphuric acid and potassium chlorate as the explosive agents.

An unpleasant incident occurred last Thursday evening in the Rue de Zne. Republique. It appears that the Chinese police were frightening the inhabitants, and one fired his rifle with the intention of hitting a man. He missed, and the shot hit a signboard hanging in front of a shop on the French side of the street. Fortunately no one was hurt. The incident is regarded as unfortunate and it is alleged that in this and in similar respects individual members of the Chinese police have given the French authorities a deal of trouble.

CLAIM FOR RENT.

A Question of Verbal Notice.

At the Supreme Court, this morning, before Mr. Judge Gompertz, (Puisne Judge), Wing Pak-tin, of 10, Bonham Strand, East, claimed \$240 for rent due in respect of 35, Gough Street, from Low Pak-shin, alias Lam Pang, of 68, Connaught Road, Central, managing partner of the Tung On Theatre Co., of that address.

Mr. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. W. L. Shenton.

His Lordship:—What is the issue?
Mr. Shenton:—The issue is whether a verbal notice given by my client to the plaintiff to quit was valid or not. If the notice was not valid, there is no rent due from us. If your Lordship is satisfied we did give a verbal notice to quit, then there is no rent due from us.

His Lordship:—You may get notice and then stay on.

Mr. Shenton:—That is for my friend to prove.

Plaintiff's agent stated that in July last he had to summon the defendant to recover rent due. This rent was paid and also the cost of the summons. The defendant visited the premises on the 20th day of the ninth moon and removed some of his goods. If the things had been moved before that date, he would have been able to leave the premises. After all the things had been moved out he was able to let the premises.

THE BIG OPIUM CASE.

To-day's Hearing at the Magistracy.

The opium case in which three Europeans named Walter Edmund Hickrath, Mrs. Bearden and Madame Delcambre are concerned, was proceeded with before Mr. Hazleland this afternoon. It will be remembered that when the Mishi-ma Maru arrived from London the police boarded the steamer and arrested the defendants, in whose name eight large boxes full of opium were found.

At the previous hearings, the case for the prosecution had been completed, and the defence just opened.

The case for the police was again conducted by Mr. T. H. King, A.S.P. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Mason, defending.

The defendant, Hickrath, continuing his evidence, said that the baggage he was asked to look after for the female defendants when they got to Yokohama was an innovation trunk, a large hat trunk, a carry-all, and a cabin trunk. It was when nearing Hongkong that the second defendant asked him to look after the baggage at Yokohama. He was going to Yokohama and the two ladies were going to Canton.

Asked to detail the keys that were found in his possession, the defendant said some were trunk keys, the others being his private keys. One of the keys which opened one of the boxes of opium was his cabin trunk key, the other two keys belonging to a desk of his in London. That was the only purpose for which he had the keys.

Defendant volunteered a statement as to how the labels got rubbed off the box which was brought up from the hold, saying that it was done when the coolie was bringing it to the deck.

Mr. Jenkin here observed that the defendant was volunteering the evidence to answer a suggestion that he tore the label off. "I would not question him on this," continued Mr. Jenkin, "for it is only a suggestion, and a suggestion will never deprive a man of his liberty in these Courts."

Mr. King here remarked that nothing had been said about the male defendant exercising control over the boxes, which, within the meaning of the Ordinance, was possession. The prosecution would suggest that he was exercising control by his presence at the searching, his going down for the box, his receiving instructions from the other defendants, his connection in respect of the boxes and labels, his giving information as to where the labels were, and the fact that his keys opened five of the boxes.

Mr. Jenkin replied that he would leave the prosecution to establish his point on that matter.

In course of cross-examination, Mr. King said that it was the suggestion of the prosecution that when the police had seized four of the boxes the defendant gave instructions to the baggage steward with the idea of saving the other four. Defendant admitted that the witness Horne had been his valet but discharged him about September 6. He did not give Horne any trunks to take to Shanghai and Horne was out of his employ when he alleged that he (defendant) did. The only explanation that he could give why Horne gave his (defendant's) name as his employer was for the sake of a reference. He was very much surprised to see Horne on the boat at Hongkong.

After further evidence, the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

DIRTY PLAY.

Hongkong Football Association
Hongkong Daily Press Office,
Hongkong.
December 15th 1915.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—My attention has been directed to an anonymous letter under the caption "Dirty Play," in your correspondence column of yesterday's date, in which the writer refers to "a shameful exhibition of football" at Happy Valley, and remarks that foul play "seems to be a thing tolerated in Hongkong above all places." As Hon. Secretary of the body governing football in this Colony may I be permitted to say that it is most emphatically not tolerated in this Colony, and that the Football Association is prepared to punish, as it has punished, any player for deliberately foul play?

No actual match or team is mentioned by your correspondent, but I believe I am right in assuming that he refers to the game between St. Joseph's College and the Islamics, which was won by the latter, and that the team whose methods are stigmatized so strongly by him is the Islamics. I personally watched a considerable portion of that game, and certainly saw no signs of dirty play. The official referee of the match drew my attention to an account of the game in your issue of the 22nd ultimo, in which it was stated that "player after player lumped off the ground" through injuries, and said it was absolutely untrue. It has been suggested to me that the writer of that account, which appeared more than three weeks ago, may be identified as the writer of the anonymous letter, which has caused considerable indignation.

As both the report of the match and the letter cast a reflection on the efficiency and good management of the referee in question, I may say that he is one of the most experienced footballers in the Colony, in whose judgment the Football Association places complete confidence.

Yours, etc.,

W. V. PENNELL,
Hon. Sec. and Treas.,
Hongkong Football Association.

[The writer of the above letter casts an aspersion on the Telegraph and doubts the bona fides of the correspondence which appeared yesterday. We shall deal with this matter in our issue of to-morrow.]

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

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To-morrow's Ceremony.—To-morrow, at 4.30 p.m. His Excellency the Governor is to lay the memorial stone at the Mong Koktsui Harbour of Refuge.

DAY BY DAY.

Important Notice.
Attention is directed to a notice in our advertising columns which has been issued by the Military Authorities.

Kailan Mining Administration.
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 4 amounted to 68,223 tons, and the sales during the period, to 64,744 tons.

Acknowledgment.
The sum of one hundred and sixty seven dollars, part-offertory at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, in aid of the Diocesan Girls' School Building Fund is gratefully acknowledged by the Hon. Treasurer.

Debate at the Y.M.C.A.
Members of the Literary and Debating Society of the European Y.M.C.A. will meet on Wednesday night at 9 o'clock at the Association Rooms. Members and friends of the Association are invited to attend.

An Interesting Issue.
The November number of the Bulletin of the Catholic Women's League, of which a copy has been forwarded us, is a most interesting little issue. There is an appropriate article on "The Season of Goodwill," while among the other features are some suggestions for increasing the usefulness of the League and some chatty "Notes by the Way."

Is it Yours?
Mr. Fang Chuk-sen, dentist, of 116, Wallington Street, writes to say that at about midnight last night he picked up in the side channel at the junction of Aberdeen Street and Wallington Street, a leather handbag containing a watch and chain and a sum of money. These he has deposited at the Central Police Station, where they may be claimed by their owner.

Next Sunday's Toy Bazaar.
We are asked to remind our readers of the Toy Bazaar which is to take place in the compound of the Catholic Cathedral next Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. A large number of toys ordered for the recent St. Vincent de Paul sale arrived too late for the event, and they are now to be sold for the benefit of the poor. The Band of the Societade Philharmonica will be in attendance. The bazaar is under the patronage of the Right Rev. Bishop Pozzoni.

An Old Hongkongite.
All the arrangements for the transfer of His Majesty the King from the hospital train to Buckingham Palace, on his return from his accident in France, were carried out by the Red Cross Society. The stretcher party and the Ambulance were under the charge of Dr. Cantile, formerly of Hongkong, who has been very active in Red Cross work since the War began.

Alleged Attempted Murder and Suicide.

A report to the Police states that two persons, a man named Ip Sing, aged 42, and a woman named Lam Eze, living together at 6, Shanghai Street, have been found suffering from severe razor wounds. It is alleged that the woman wished no longer to live with the man and that yesterday morning the man packed up his belongings to leave her. He suddenly attempted to murder her, wounding her on the head and neck. He attempted to escape, but was prevented from doing so by the other people in the house, later trying to commit suicide by cutting his throat.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.
The Oriental African Line steamer SALAMIS sailed from Singapore on the 14th inst. and is expected to arrive here on Monday the 20th inst. at 4 p.m.

The P. & O. steamer NOVARA left Singapore for the Port on the 14th inst. at noon with the outward-bound mail, and is due here on the 21st inst. at about daylight.

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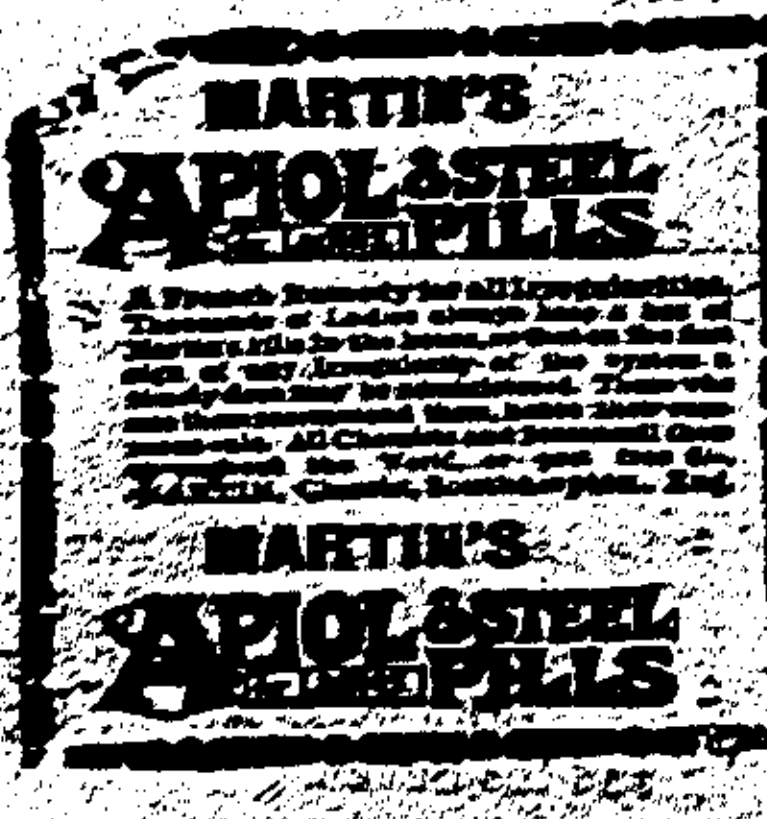
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Prime Cut	lb.	21
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb.	19
Roast—Shin	lb.	17
Roast—Ngau Lam	lb.	17
Soup—Tong Yuk	lb.	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	lb.	20
do.—Sirloin—Ngau Lan	lb.	30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	lb.	24
Ballcock's Brains—No	per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each	50
Ham—Ham Ngau Li	each	60
Head—Ngau Tau	lb.	1.00
Heart—Ngau Sum	lb.	14
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kim	lb.	20
Feet—Ngau Kerk	each	11
Kidneys—Ngau Yin	lb.	18
Tail—Ngau Mei	lb.	13
Liver—Ngau Kon	lb.	13
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	lb.	6
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau Tsai-tau-kouk	set	\$1.08
Mutton Chop—Young Pui Kwat	lb.	25
Leg—Young Pui	lb.	25
Shoulder—Young Shan	lb.	24
Saddle	lb.	27
Pigs Chittling—Chu Chong	lb.	27
Brains—Chu No	per set	24
Feet—Chu Kerk	lb.	13
Ery—Chu Chap	lb.	15
Head—Chu Tau	lb.	18
Heart—Chu Sam	each	11
Kidneys—Chu Yiu	lb.	18
Liver—Chu Kon	lb.	23
Pork Chop—Chu Pui Kwat	lb.	24
Corned—Ham Chi Yuk	lb.	24
Leg—Chu Pui	lb.	28
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20
Sheep's Head and Feet—Young Tau Kouk	set	60
Heart—Young Sam	each	12
Kidneys—Young Yin	lb.	12
Liver—Young Kon	lb.	26
Sucking Pigs to order—Chu Tsai	lb.	22
Suet, Beef—Shang Ny a Yau	lb.	26
Mutton—Shang Yau	lb.	28
Veal—Ngau Tsai Yuk	lb.	19
Sausages—Ngau Tsai Cheung	lb.	20
Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20

POULTRY.

Chicken—Kai Tsai	lb.	35
Capon, Large, Small—Sun Kai	lb.	34
Ducks—Ap	lb.	32
Doves—Pan Kan	lb.	38
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (bookings)	per doz	20
(fresh)	per doz	38
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb.	42
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	lb.	30
Geese—Ngo	lb.	24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each	28
Hothow—Hoi How Pak Kap	each	25
Snipe—Sha Tsai	each	22
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Hen	lb.	45
Pheasant—Shan Kai	lb.	45
Quail—Om Chun	lb.	25
Partridges—Che Ku	lb.	65

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	18
Bream—Pin Yu	lb.	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	lb.	15
Carp—Li Yu	lb.	12
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb.	28
Codfish—Man Yu	lb.	14
Crabs—Hoi	lb.	28
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	lb.	16
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	lb.	12
Dece—Wong Mei Lap	lb.	13
Dog Fish—Tui To Sha	lb.	10
Eels, Canton—Hoi Man	lb.	13
Fresh water—Tam Sin Yu	lb.	18
Kels, Yellow—Wong Sin	lb.	32
Krogs—Tin Kai	lb.	33
Gargons—Shak Pan	lb.	40
Gudgoun—Pak Kap Yu	lb.	16
Herring—Tao Pak	lb.	20
Hahibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	lb.	20
Lahrus—Wong Fa Yu	lb.	18
Loach—Wa Yu	lb.	28
Lobster—Lung Ha	lb.	28
Mackerel—Ching Yu	lb.	20
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	lb.	32
Mytilus—Chai Yu	lb.	18
Oysters—Shang Ho	lb.	22
Prawn—Kai Kang Yu	lb.	12
Punch—Fai Yu	lb.	18
Pike—Pa Pan Fong	lb.	16
Plaice—Pan Yu	lb.	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	lb.	26
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	lb.	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	lb.	38
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	lb.	10
Rock Fish—Shak Kan Kwai	lb.	15
Roach—Chun Yu	lb.	12
Salmon—Ma Yau	lb.	30
Shark—Sha Yu	lb.	7
Skate—Fo Yu	lb.	8
Shrimps—Ha	lb.	25
Suspper—Lap Yu	lb.	28
Sole—Pai Sha Yu	lb.	26
Tench—Wan Yu	lb.	16
Turbot—Cho How Yu	lb.	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kouki Yu	lb.	60

FRUITS.

Almonds—Rang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho	lb.	18
(Chico)—Tia Chan Ping Kho	lb.	18

Bacon.

Bacon, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Heng Chiu	lb.	3
(brides), Miao—San Shing Heng Chiu	lb.	3
Chestnuts, Chinese—Fong Lu	lb.	1
Chestnuts—Young To	lb.	1
Cocoanuts—Ye Tse	each	12
Grapes—Po Tai Tse	lb.	30
Lemons, China—Ling Mang	lb.	8
"America—Chim Lo Mung	lb.	10
Lichies Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone	lb.	28
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching	lb.	5
Sweet	lb.	8
Pears, (American)—Kun San Shoo Lay	lb.	10
(Canton, Cooking)—Shi Li	lb.	19
Peanuts—Fa Shang	lb.	10
Plantain—Tai Chin	lb.	1
Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai	lb.	14
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yan	each	14
Shanghai—Lo Kwat	lb.	15
Walnuts—Hop To	lb.	15
Watermelon—Kam San Sai Kwa	each	1

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb.	8
Chaub	lb.	8
Beans, (French), Miao—Oh Moo Pin Tan	lb.	8
(French) Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Pin	lb.	8
Sprout—Ah Chok	lb.	10
Long—Tan Koi	lb.	8
Butter Beans—Fung Chai Tau	each	8
Beet Squash—Fu Kwa	lb.	8
Brimjal, Green—Ching Yuen, Kwa	lb.	8
Red—Hung Ko	lb.	8
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tsai	lb.	10
Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tse	lb.	14
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun	lb.	8
Carrots—Kam Shun	lb.	8
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsai	lb.	8
Chillies Dried—Kam Lap Chiu	lb.	25
Radish—Hung Fa Chiu	lb.	8
Green—Ching Lap Chiu	lb.	8
Curry Stuffs, English—Ka Li Chai Liu	lb.	10
Cumbers—Ching Kwa	each	2
Garlic—Sun Tau	lb.	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung	lb.	6
old—Lo Keung	lb.	9
Hoarse Radish, Shanghai—Luk Kan	lb.	12
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	each	1
Lettuce—Young Shang Tsai	lb.	1
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb.	6
Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	lb.	8
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Chai Ko	lb.	35
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	1
Okra	lb.	1
Onions Bombay—Young Chong Tan	lb.	8
Green—Shang Chong	lb.	7
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Chong Tan	lb.	8
Parsley—Kun Tsai	lb.	8
Green Peas—Ching Tan	lb.	16
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shun	lb.	3
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shun Tsai	lb.	3
Japan—Yut Pun Shun Tsai	lb.	3
American—Fa Ki Shun Tsai	lb.	3
Footchow—Footchow Shun Tsai	lb.	3
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	lb.	3
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	lb.	5
Spinach (Fresh)—Tai Wong	lb.	1
Sage—Tse So	lb.	1
Shallots—Yin Ching Tan	lb.	8
Spinach—Yin Tsai	lb.	5
Tomatoes—Fan Ka	lb.	6
Turnip—Wa Tan	lb.	6
Turnip—Fung (Long)—Lo Pak	lb.	4
English—Young Lo Pak	lb.	4
Vegetable Marrow—Ching Lo	lb.	4
(American)—Kam-shan Shit	lb.	12
Water Cress—Sai Young Tsai	lb.	6
Lily root—Liu Ng-u	lb.	6
Yams—Fa Shun	lb.	6
English—Young Kan Choi	lb.	1

SEAFOOD.

1. Flour—		
(a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.		\$4.50
per lb.		10
(b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.		4.00
per lb.		.08
(c) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.		3.50
per lb.		.07
2. Tinned Milk—		
(a) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin.		25
(b) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin.		25
(c) Sterilized Milk, per 1 lb. tin.		25
(d) Sterilized Milk, per 1 lb. tin.		35
(e) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin.		33
(f) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin.		30
3. Sugar—		
Cane, (in 5 lb. tins), per tin.		1.15
Refined Crystallized, per lb.		14
Granulated, per lb.		14
Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb.		13
No. 2		12
Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.		
4. Tea—		
The Dairy Farm, prices for frozen food and other stores published on 1st September, 1914, with all changes to prices shown in the ink, are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company in Wyndham Street.]		
5. Market Produce—(See above)		
6. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony on the 25th July, 1914.		
Note.—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount or subsidiary charges, payment for all articles of food not exceeding \$1 in value (excepting the articles enumerated in clause 5 in Proclamation No. 18 of the 20th October, 1914, and in the above Schedule) shall if made in gold or silver, be subject of an additional charge of 15 per cent.		

FISH.

Almonds—Rang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho	lb.	18
(Chico)—Tia Chan Ping Kho	lb.	18

COMMERCIAL.

Ceylon's Coal Imports.
Coal imports into Ceylon have decreased from 744,529 tons in 1913 to 598,957 tons in 1914. There was a drop in Indian and Japanese coal.

New Cotton Mill for Tientsin.
An up-to-date cotton mill will soon be started in Tientsin by a wealthy merchant named Wang Tse-shan. The initial capital has been raised, a site for the purpose has been chosen, and all the machinery has been ordered. The inauguration of the mill will take place during the spring.

The Tata Iron Works.
Bombay, November 18.—At the eighth ordinary general meeting of the Tata Iron and Steel Company held yesterday a dividend on preference shares at the rate of Rs. 8-12-3, that is 5 per cent. per annum, was declared; a dividend of Rs. 6 per share, that is, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum on the Ordinary Share, was declared; and dividend of Rs. 7-3, that is, 25 per cent. per annum on deferred shares was declared. The Chairman Sir Dorab Tata, in the course of his remarks, said that under special arrangement with the Government, since August last the works have been principally engaged in making the necessary quantity of steel required for the making of shells for war munitions.

Rubber Share Market.
The London and China Express of November 2 states: A firm tone has prevailed in the share market, and prices have generally moved upward. Although business has not been of any considerable proportions, with the favourable factors always present there has been no mistaking the unshakable firmness of the rubber position. Principal attention has been directed to the young producer type of share, which has either proved, or is likely to prove, a substantial dividend-payer. The numerous excellent interim distributions recently announced, when more fully realised by investors, will no doubt lead to the extension of their "limits" for buying orders, and so bring about a considerable increased volume of business. Meanwhile, sellers still show reserve.

Burma's Rice Crop.
The summary of the second forecast of the Rice Crop in Burma for the Year 1915-16, states: The second provincial forecast of the rice crop shows 10,126,148 acres, against a total of 10,697,207 acres on this date last year, an increase of 28,911 acres. There has also been an increase of 37,876 acres on the area under rice estimated for in the first forecast. In the 16 Lower Burma districts submitting regular forecasts, there are 7,978,218 acres under rice compared with 7,879,505 acres estimated in 1914, an increase of 98,713 on last year's figure. The increase would have been greater had it not been for extensive flooding in Tharawaddy, Maunbin, Insein, Hanthawaddy and Toun-goo districts. In Maunbin, Insein and Tharawaddy some recovery has been made and part of the area destroyed has been replanted. In Lower Burma, except for river flooding, the season has been normal and favourable for the crop, and a good return is expected, but much still depends in several districts on the ripening of the crop. In the six Upper Burma districts there has been a decrease of 95,772 acres in the area given in the estimate in the corresponding date of 1914. This decrease is chiefly reported from the unirrigated or indifferently irrigated tracts, Shwedo and Yamethin districts. The early rains were promising, but breaks of critical duration were experienced in August and October, and ripening showers are still necessary. Within the irrigated areas crop prospects are good. Of the 17 districts submitting conventional forecasts there has been an increase of 28,090 acres on the corresponding date of last year, this increase has mainly in Magwe and Mawlaik districts. The crop prospects in Lower Burma are to date good in Upper Burma fair.

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SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Price	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1914 Highest	1914 Lowest	1915 Highest	1915 Lowest	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.									
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	120.00	125	all	855	July	700	Oct. 345	div. 790	div. 1914 at 1/9 5/16 equal to 34.21 for 1/2 year, 30/6/15
Marine Insurance.									
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10.00	250	50	350	Dec.	305	Oct. 285	360	Final of 1914 at 1/9 5/16 equal to 34.21 for 1/2 year, 30/6/15
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10.00	215	25	145	May	135	Jan. 175	160	Final of 1914 at 1/9 5/16 equal to 34.21 for 1/2 year, 30/6/15
Union Ins. Society of China, Ltd.	12.00	250	100	847 1/2	April	700	Oct. 345	360	Final of 1914 at 1/9 5/16 equal to 34.21 for 1/2 year, 30/6/15
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	12.00	100	80	210	April	192 1/2	Jan. 270	225	Final of 1914 at 1/9 5/16 equal to 34.21 for 1/2 year, 30/6/15
Fire Insurance.									
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20.00	100	20	160	July	140	Oct. 162	136	86 for 1915
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20.00	250	50	385	Feb.	363	April 420	385	227 for 1915
Shipping.									
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	30.00	250	all	36	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov. 34	45	44 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	30.00	115	all	29 1/2	Jan.	23	Dec. 33	19	Final of 1914 at 1/9 5/16 equal to 34.21 for 1/2 year, 30/6/15
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	15.00	25	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept. 353	96	Final of 1914 at 1/9 5/16 equal to 34.21 for 1/2 year, 30/6/15
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	37.75	110	51	106 1/2	Feb.	70	Sept. 90	83 1/2	Final of 1914 at 1/9 5/16 equal to 34.21 for 1/2 year, 30/6/15
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40.00	10	all	49	Mar.	40	Nov. 39	32	Final of 1914 at 1/9 5/16 equal to 34.21 for 1/2 year, 30/6/15
Refineries.									
China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20.00	100	all	96 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov. 134	111	83 for 1915
Laos S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20.00	100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec. 46	27 1/2	83 for 1915
Mining.									
Kailash Mining Administration, Ltd.	1,000.00	51	all	41 1/2	Feb.	33 1/2	Dec. 33 1/2	39 1/2	Interim of 1/2 account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5)
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200.00	51	all	310	Jan.	180	Nov. 4	314	1/2 for 1915
Tronoh Mines Ltd.	160.00	51	all	39 1/2	Feb.	19 1/2	Nov. 32 1/2	25 1/2	Interim of 1/2 account year ending 30.6.15
Ural Caspian	296.00	51	all	56 1/2	Feb.	21 1/2	Nov. 41	37 1/2	1/2 interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.									
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	20.00	250	all	79	Jan.	73	Nov. 81 1/2	68	33.50 for year 1914
H'kong & W.P. & D. Co., Ltd.	20.00	250	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct. 83 1/2	57	33 dividend for year 1914
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	55.70	100	all	64	July	50	Dec. 63 1/2	49 1/2	33 dividend for year 1914
Shai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	36.00	100	all	149	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec. 93 1/2	80	33 dividend for year 1914
Land, Hotels and Buildings.									
Anglo French Lands	13.00	100	100	123	July	120	Dec. 116	112	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	20.00	50	50	123	July	120	Dec. 116	112	32.50 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Land Investment Co. (100 1/2)	50.00	100	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov. 111 1/2	108	33 for year ending 30.6.15
Ephraim Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	120.00	10	all	9 1/2	Jan.	7	Nov. 7 1/2	6 1/2	45 cents for year 1914
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	6.00	50	30	45 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb. 40	40	33 for 1914
Shanghai Lands	78.00	150	all	98	Dec.	89	Oct. 106	101	Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1/2 year ending 30.6.15
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12.50	250	all	73	June	66	Feb.	103	33 for year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Central Estates	10.00	200	all	103	Jan.	70	Nov. 105	80	4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.									
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20.00	250	all	128	July	125	May 189	152 1/2	Tls. 12 for year ending 31.10.14
Kong Yik	25.00	10	all	142	Jan.	11	Mar. 17	154	Tls. 12 for year ending 30.11.14
Laon Kung Mow	8.00	100	all	110	Feb.	70	May 89	80	Tls. 12 for 1915
Shanghai Cottons	40.00	250	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov. 105	80	Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Yangtzeports.									
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	10.00	125	all	12	May	10	Dec. 10	14	85 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	20.00	25	all	450	July	4	April 4 1/2	4 1/2	6% for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares)									
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	125.00	10	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov. 10.10	8.00	20 cts. for 1914
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	40.00	7 1/2	6	39	June	35	Aug. 34	31	12.5 for year ending 31.7.15
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400.00	10	all	6.90	Jan.	5	Dec. 11	6.70	50 cts. for 1914
Green Island Electric Co., Ltd.	60.00	25	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov. 45	39	32.00 per share for 1914
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	6.50	25	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec. 199	184	Interim of 2 account 1915
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	6.00	10	all	25	June	22	Apr. 42 1/2	25	Interim of 1/2 year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	325.00	5	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb. 5.90	4.80	10% for 1914
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	250.00	10	all	64 1/2	Mar.	28	Dec. 42	36 1/2	Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 for 1915
Langkate									
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	25.00	10	all	10 1/2	Jan.	7 1/2	Dec. 10	9	70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30.6.15
Do (New)	50.00	10	all	93	Jan.	75	Dec. 81	80	15.50 for 1910
Philippines Ltd.									
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	75.00	10	all	12	Jan.	4	Nov. 10	9	None
Societe des Pulpes et Papier	12.00	10	all	20	Jan.	4	Nov. 10	9	None
teries du Tonkin	13.20	50	all	20	Jan.	4	Nov. 10	9	None
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20.00	25	all	5.00	June	4	Nov. 3 1/2	3.00	25 cts. for year ending 31.3.15
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	27.75	10	all	22 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan. 18	16	43.90 per share for year ending 31.12.14
Watson and Co., Ltd.	90.00	10	all	8 1/2	April	6.90	Dec. 6.90	6 1/2	20 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
William Powell, Limited	21.00	27	all	9 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec. 7	6	11.50 for 1914
S. C. Morning Post	6.00	225	all	30	June	32	Dec. 29	28	11.50 for 1914

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 12.70 sellers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$6.80 buyers.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.40 buyers.	Sendycrofts (Straits) \$7.00 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 sellers.	Balgownie (Straits) \$3 1/2 buyers.	Malaka Pindas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$13.00 buyers.
Linggis 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdang (Straits) \$6.75 buyers.	Malakoffs (Straits) \$3.45 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.40 buyers.
Nordana 19/6 buyers 18/9 sellers.			

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EXCHANGE.

Selling.	T/T Bombay	On Harphong	Gold Leaf per oz.
1/11 1/15	144 1/2	5 1/2 prem.	\$59.10
1/11 1/15	144 1/2	On Saigon	\$10.45 nom.
30 d/s	144 3/4	On Bangkok	Bar Silver ready 25 1/16
60 d/s	144 3/4	Buying	forward
4 m/s	144 3/4	4 m/s L/C	1/11 12/16
T/T Shanghai	144 3/4	4 m/s D/P	2/11 15/16
Private 30 d/s sight	144 3/4	6 m/s L/C	3/11 1/16
T/T Hongkong	144 3/4	30 d/s Sney & M.	2 1/16
T/T Japan	144 3/4	30 d/s San Fco & N.Y.	2 1/16
T/T India	144 3/4	1 m/s Madras	1/11 1/16
Demand India	144 3/4	4 m/s Madras	1/11 1/16
		6 m/s Madras	1/11 1/16

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LONDON OFFICE: 36, Bishopsgate, E.C.	RESERVE FUNDS: Starting \$5,000,000 at 2% - \$15,000,000 Silver - \$18,000,000
BRANCHES: BOMBAY, LONDON, CALCUTTA, MANILA, CANTON, PANAMA, CEBU, PEKING, COLON, SAN FRANCISCO, HANKOW, SHANGHAI, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, KOBE, YOKOHAMA	Reserve Liability of \$15,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP \$2,500,000	COURT OF DIRECTORS: Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Chairman, W. L. Patterson, Esq., Deputy Chairman, S. H. Dodwell, Esq., G. T. M. Edkins, Esq., C. S. Gubbay, Esq., P. H. Holyoak, Esq., J. A. Plummer, Esq., Hon. Mr. E. Shullim, CHIEF MANAGER, Hongkong - N. J. Stubb, MANAGER, Shanghai - A. G. Stephen, London Bankers - London County and Westminster Limited.
RESERVE FUNDS \$2,000,000	Hongkong - Interest Allowed On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
(U.S. Gold) \$7,450,000	ON FIXED DEPOSITS For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted	For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.	For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
N. S. MARSHALL, Manager, Hongkong, 1st July 1915	N. J. STABB, Chief Manager
THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.	HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK
Established 1880.	THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000	INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Paid-up Capital Yen 30,000,000	Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
Reserve Fund Yen 20,000,000	For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, N. J. STABB, Chief Manager
Head Office - YOKOHAMA	THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
Branches: Amoy, Canton, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama	Head Office 15, Gracechurch Street, London.
Interest Allowed on Current Account. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.	Authorized Capital £1,500,000
EISHI ONO, Manager, Hongkong, 21st October, 1915.	Subscribed £1,250,000
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.	Paid Up £625,000
Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.	Reserve Fund £500,000
HEAD OFFICE - LONDON	BANKERS
Paid-up Capital £1,200,000	The Bank of England, The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.
Reserve Fund £1,200,000	BRANCHES: Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Colon, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama
Proprietors: £1,200,000	HONGKONG BRANCH
FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted	Every description of Banking & Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at rates to be obtained on application.
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WAR BRIEFINGS

Twenty-one long trains with German wounded have passed through Liege from the front in Champagne.

There will shortly be attached to General Joffre's staff Prince D'Anjo, eldest son of the King of Montenegro.

It is reported from the Hook of Holland that a Dutch lugger has struck a mine, and that nine of the crew were saved.

According to the Salonica correspondent of the *Peter Lloyd*, 35,000 Greek soldiers have been billeted in the city.

Since August a total of over 380,000 war service badges has been issued, some 3,200 firms having received them.

An Iron Cross has disappeared from the collection of war relics at Madame Tussaud's. A reward will be paid for its recovery.

Liverpool millers have decided to raise no change in the minimum price for bakers grade, which remains at 40s. 6d.

The Kaiser has pardoned the Swiss champion cyclist Doerflinger, who had been sentenced to death on a charge of espionage.

Vicount d'Asseca, attendant on King Manuel, was fined 15s. at Estoril for allowing a light from his house to show out to sea.

For some reason at present unknown telephone communication with Western Germany is greatly interrupted, says an Amsterdam telegram.

The officers and seamen employed by the Admiralty in mine-sweeping and patrolling are to share in the prize money at the end of the war.

Over 50 per cent. of the staff of the General Federation of Trade Unions have joined the colours. It is claimed that this constitutes a record.

The death has occurred at Melbourne of Colonel Robert Wallace, Royal Australian Artillery, and Military Commandant of the State of Victoria.

The Swedish Government has instructed its Minister in London to protest against the violation of Swedish neutrality by a British submarine in the Baltic.

A rate of one farthing in the £ is to be levied by the L.C.C. to provide compensation for losses sustained in the anti-German riots that took place in London.

For saying "To hell with England" Kristian Christensen, a Norwegian seaman and naturalized British subject, was last month at Newport (Mon.), fined 40s.

The *Telegraph* learns from Brussels that two aviators dropped bombs on Berchem on October 10. On the following morning one aviator bombarded the same place.

Only four ships, of a total of 15,454 tons, were sunk by German submarines in the week ending October 12. The number of vessels arriving and departing was 1,501.

Maitourne, Tuesday—Seven sons belonging to one Victorian family are now at the front. Their father, aged 60, tried to enlist but was rejected because he was too old. —*Reuter*.

The *Peter Lloyd's* correspondent at Kiev states that 300 bells taken from churches in localities on the southern frontiers threatened by the invasion of the enemy have arrived at Kiev.

A telegram from Bangor (Maine) says that another shipment of gold from London, via Halifax, has passed through there. Its value is said to be from six to ten million dollars.

From official reports which have reached the Belgian Government it appears that Prussian soldiers, on the order of their commanders, have killed more than 5,000 civilians in Belgium.

It is computed that (apart from persons) not less than ten million articles of all kinds (clothing, furniture, foodstuffs, etc.) have been sent to the front through the aid of the British Red Cross Society.

THE FATHER OF THE CPR

Death of Sir Charles Tupper.

We (Globe) regret to announce the death, which took place at Bexley Heath on October 30 of Sir Charles Tupper, the great Canadian statesman. Sir Charles, who was 94 years of age, was born in Nova Scotia, and was 14 consecutive times returned M.P. for his native county, Cumberland, in the Dominion Parliament, and represented it for 31 years. He was Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia at the time of the Confederation.

Sir Charles was one of the delegates to the Quebec Conference which settled the general plan of confederation, and came to London when the British North America Act was before the Imperial Parliament.

His first task in the Dominion Government in 1870 as President of the Council, and in the MacDonald Administration of 1873 Sir Charles Tupper was Minister of Public Works. His first great task was to proceed with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. MacKenzie had attempted to carry it on as a public enterprise. Sir Charles Tupper soon determined to turn the whole enterprise over to a private company. The change of policy was announced in 1880 and the entire road was completed in 1885 three years in advance of the date prescribed by the contract. The bargain with the syndicate was fiercely assailed.

In 1883 Sir Charles Tupper withdrew from the Government in order to become High Commissioner for Canada in Great Britain. This office he held until the close of 1895, with signal advantage to Canada and the Empire. A difficult and dangerous controversy arose over the status of Roman Catholic schools in Manitoba, and appeal was made to Sir Charles Tupper to go over, reunite the warring elements in the party, and assist in the re-organization of the Cabinet. He arrived at Ottawa at the end of December, 1895, was sworn in as Secretary of State on January 13, 1896, was returned for Cape Breton in a sternly-contested election, and at once assumed the leadership of the House. He endeavored to force the Remedial Bill through the House, but the Opposition under Mr. Laurier, skillfully and determinedly obstructed the measure, and at length the Bill had to be abandoned.

At the close of the Session Tupper became Prime Minister, and the reorganized Cabinet was sworn into office on May 1, 1896. In the electoral which followed the Government was defeated. He led the Conservative Opposition from 1896 to 1900 and greatly roused public opinion in favour of the dispatch of Canadian contingents to South Africa. In the election of 1900 he lost his seat for Cape Breton, and shortly thereafter resigned the leadership of the Conservative Party and withdrew from public life.

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POST OFFICE

PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA.

On and after the 1st of January next the rate of postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be as follows:—
25.50 for the first lb. or fraction thereof.
2.50 for each succeeding lb. or fraction thereof.

On and after the 15th December registered correspondence will be delivered in the Central portion of the City of Victoria at the following hours:—
9 to 10.30 a.m. Nov. 2 to 4 p.m.
Any person desirous of receiving registered correspondence before 9 a.m. or after 4 p.m. can obtain such correspondence by application at the Registration counter at any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 to 5 a.m. on week-days and between 8 to 9 a.m. on Sundays and Holidays.

Ship in communication with Cape D'Aguiar Radio Telegraph Station:—
Union Dango Maru
Nippon Maru

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

MAILS DUE.
Shanghai, 15th Dec.
Siberia, 15th Dec.
Australia, 15th Dec.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.
Foonchow, Shanghai & North China—Per KWONGSANG, 15th Dec. 3 p.m.
Hankow & Haiphong—Per DAGFIN, 15th Dec. 5 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China Japan via Kobe Europe via Suez—Per SUWA M., 15th Dec. 5 p.m.
(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 20th Dec.)
Haiphong—Per TAIWON M., 15th Dec. 5 p.m.
Pakhoi—Per FUJISAN M., 15th Dec. 5 p.m.
Swatow & Bangkok—Per CHANGCHOW, 15th Dec. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.
San Francisco—Per TACOMA, 16th Dec. 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Port Said, Marseilles & London—Per KAMO M., 16th Dec. 9 a.m.
Shanghai & North China—Per CHIHILL, 16th Dec. 11 a.m.
Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 16th Dec. 11 a.m.

AMERICAN & CANADIAN.
Philadelphia, Japan via Moji, U.S. South America, B.C. and Vancouver & United Kingdom via Canada—Per CANADA MARU, 16th Dec. 1 p.m.

AMERICAN & CANADIAN.
Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Aden, India, Egypt, and Europe. The parcel mail will be closed on Wednesday, 15th Dec. at 5 p.m.—Per NAMU R., 16th Dec. Registration 1.15 p.m. Letters 2 p.m.

Shanghai & North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per SIK-KIANG, 15th Dec. 3 p.m.
(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 20th Dec.)
Swatow, Shanghai & N. China—Per YU-SANG, 15th Dec. 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, 17th Dec.
Haiphong—Per TAKSANG, 17th Dec. 7 a.m.
Pakhoi & Haiphong—Per KEIO M., 17th Dec. 9 a.m.
Japan via Moji—Per SANRI M., 17th Dec. 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foonchow—Per HAI-MUK, 17th Dec. 1 p.m.
Straits, & India via Calcutta—Per YAT-SHING, 17th Dec. 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 18th Dec.
Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, via Port, 18th Dec. 10 a.m.
New Guinea via Thursday Is. 10 a.m.
Philippines Is.—Per LOONGSANG, 18th Dec. 2 p.m.

Shanghai & North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per LUCHOW, 18th Dec. 5 p.m.
(Shanghai Br. P.O. Wednesday, 22nd Dec.)
Haiphong—Per KAIPOONG, 18th Dec. 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 21st Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foonchow—Per HAI-CHING, 21st Dec. 1 p.m.
Shanghai & North China Europe via Siberia—Per 21st Dec. 3 p.m.
(Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 25th Dec.)

THURSDAY, 23rd Dec.
Shanghai, North China Japan via Moji, Victoria B.C. and Seattle, United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per YOKOHAMA M., 23rd Dec. 11 a.m.
(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 27th Dec.)

FRIDAY, 24th Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foonchow—Per HAI-CHING, 24th Dec. 1 p.m.
Shanghai & North China Europe via Siberia—Per 24th Dec. 3 p.m.
(Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 25th Dec.)

IT'S A BAD SIGN
When you have that obstinate, lingering cough which will not be shaken off. There is no cough at any stage, whether old or young but what needs attention. A cough soon wears a strong constitution, soon makes one helpless, in fact a cough is a very dangerous ailment, yet many hardly notice a cough. The way to cure chronic cough, bronchitis, and chest colds is to apply LITTLE'S ORIENTAL BALM.

It is applied to the chest and back. It penetrates immediately to the inflamed parts. It stops the pain and drives out the inflammation. The cough, the hoarseness, the tightness across the chest, go away. Coughing, sneezing, spitting, and difficult breathing all cease. Expectoration of mucus ceases. The chest is free. It cures every case where a cure is possible. It is non-toxic and does not irritate. It is the best remedy for coughs in the home. It is the best remedy for coughs in the home. It is the best remedy for coughs in the home.

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SHIPPING NEWS

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Hupoh, Br. ss. 1201, A. J. Scott, 14th Dec.—Hupoh, 13th Dec. Gen.—R. & S.

Kaijo Maru, Jan. ss. 1116, Imaidrum, 14th Dec.—Hupoh, 13th Dec. Gen.—R. & S.

Lophang, Br. ss. 997, D. W. Ritchie, 15th Dec.—Swatow, 13th Dec. Gen.—I. M. & Co.

Standard, Am. ss. 394, O. Johansen, 15th Dec.—Saigon, 13th Dec. Gen.—I. M. & Co.

Masatra, Br. ss. 3197, A. Wynd, 14th Dec.—New York & Durban Case off—S. O. Co.

Namur, Br. ss. 3188, A. Colyer, 15th Dec.—Yokohama, 5th Dec. Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 14.

Adrian for Hongkong
Pyrites for London via Singapore
Nippon Maru for S. Francisco via Manila
Chingta for Canton
Jochang for Saigon
Tamba Maru for Seattle via Shanghai
Dango Maru for Melbourne via Manila
Kaho for Hongkong
Haitan for Foonchow via Swatow
Hue for Haiphong via Kwang-chow-wan
Tahiti Maru for Haiphong
Yahiko Maru for Hongkong
Ahuai for Shanghai
Derwent for Saigon
Walshing for Bangkok via Swatow
Benderan for Yokohama via Nagasaki

Dec. 15.
Tahiti for Canton
Yunnan for Canton
Kueichow for Canton

Dec. 16.
Hanoi for Haiphong
Tydens for Yokohama via Shanghai
Kwongang for Shanghai via Foonchow
Nanur for Bombay via Singapore
Fujima Maru for Fukuoka
Seachuen for Hongkong
Chihli for Shanghai
Taiwan Maru for Haiphong
Yokohama for Foonchow via Swatow
Halls for Canton

Dec. 17.
Per ss. Hupoh from Swatow etc.—M. G. W. Lewis.

Per ss. Namur from Yokohama etc.—C. C. Ban, H. M. Tibby, E. J. Norman, Mr. & Mrs. B. E. MacDougal, B. Plattner, A. W. Prior.

Dec. 18.
Per ss. Hupoh from Swatow etc.—M. G. W. Lewis.

Dec. 19.
Per ss. Hupoh from Swatow etc.—M. G. W. Lewis.

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Dec. 35.
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WEATHER REPORT

On the 13th at 7.30—The anticyclone has weakened slightly and moved eastward. It is now central in the neighborhood of Shanghai.

The northern depression is now central to the east of Hokkaido.

The pressure gradient over Japan is still very steep.

Pressure has increased slightly along the south coast of China and over the Philippines.

The monsoon will moderate along the east coast of China and remain fresh over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. E. winds, moderate; sea.

2 Formosa Channel. E. winds, moderate; sea.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lanchow. The same as No. 1.

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China Coast Meteorological Register.

15th December, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force. Weather.

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Yamato 6 30.03 23.0 33 W 4

Kobe 5 30.03 23.0 33 W 4

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MAIL STEAMERS

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL S. N. CO. ENGLISH MAIL.

Will despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS as or about the DATES named:—

For Steamers To Sail On Remarks

LONDON & Bombay via Spore, Pang, Cebu, Port Said & Marseilles. Namur Capt. A. Colyer 3 p.m. 16th Dec. Freight & Passage

SHANGHAI, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama. Novara Capt. H. B. Hetherington R.N.R. daylight 22nd Dec. Freight & Passage

LONDON & Bombay via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Port Said and Marseilles. Nankin Capt. G. Manley about 30th Dec. Freight & Passage

SHANGHAI, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.